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HOUSE BILL 14-1304

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A BILL FOR AN ACT

101 CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF THE PALISADE PEACH AS THE
102 STATE FRUIT.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://www.leg.state.co.us/bills summaries>.)

The bill designates the Palisade peach as the state fruit of Colorado.

1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.
Capital letters indicate new material to be added to existing statute.
Dashes through the words indicate deletions from existing statute.

1 **SECTION 1. Legislative declaration.** (1) The general assembly
2 hereby finds and declares that:

3 (a) The *prunus persica (L.) batsch*, more commonly known as the
4 peach, has been grown in and around Palisade, Colorado, since the 1880s;

5 (b) Colorado ranks sixth nationwide in peach production with over
6 five hundred twenty thousand peach trees in cultivation;

7 (c) In 2012, peach cultivation yielded receipts of over twenty-five
8 million dollars;

9 (d) Peach cultivation accounts for seventy-five percent of all fruit
10 production in Colorado, and seventy-five percent of all peach orchards in
11 Colorado are located in and around Palisade;

12 (e) Palisade is home to the Palisade peach festival, which hosted
13 fourteen thousand visitors in 2013.

14 (2) Therefore, the general assembly intends that the Palisade
15 peach be added to the array of symbols that demonstrate our state
16 character and pride.

17 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-80-915 as
18 follows:

19 **24-80-915. State fruit.** THE PALISADE PEACH (*PRUNUS PERSICA*
20 (*L.*) *BATSCH*) IS HEREBY MADE AND DECLARED TO BE THE STATE FRUIT OF
21 THE STATE OF COLORADO.

22 **SECTION 3. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act
23 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the
24 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August
25 6, 2014, if adjournment sine die is on May 7, 2014); except that, if a
26 referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the
27 state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act

1 within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect
2 unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in
3 November 2014 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the
4 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.